Peter Lee Proposals - Status March 1994:

Below is a list of all the outstanding proposals from Peter Lee which need to be discussed and progressed at our meeting on Friday. I think I have already circulated most of these documents. In case there are any that you are lacking, please ask Jill for copies of the required items.

Hungarian Autopsy Studies:

This has been funded by Philip Morris since early 1992. So far there have been several publications either published or in press. Up until now this has been funded through Chuck Walls Budget, with S&T acting as 'Project Managers?. This part of the funding has now come to an end and Peter and Francis are proposing continuation projects. Outstanding proposals include:

1) A letter from PNL dated 25th Feb, requesting approval and expenses for a trip to Budapest with PM representatives, (presumably Tony and myself), and costs for a dinner with Bela Szende, Francis, Peter and Partners in London.

2) Notes on a meeting between Francis Roe, Peter Lee and Bela Szende with some suggestions for further work. No costs supplied.

3) A letter from Francis Roe including Bela Szendes cost estimates for the suggestions in 2 above. Although very cheap these do not include the costs for the involvement of Peter and Francis which will obviously up the price considerably.

4) A copy of an extensive literature review on accuracy of lung diagnosisentitled "Comparison of autopsy, clinical and death certificate diagnosis with particular reference to lung cancer. A review of the published data." Peter is requesting support for its publication.

Lung Cancer Mortality Trends:

Since December 1993 PNL has been working on the first stage of a project designed to investigate the validity of claims in a paper by Joel Swartz that trends in mortality from lung cancer did not reflect trends in cigarette consumtion and thus that there must be something else responsible for changes in lung cancer frequency. Outstanding proposals include:

5) "Determinants of trends in US lung cancer mortality rates: a proposal for research" dated 22.11.93. So far we have paid £7,500 to review the literature on such mathematical models and to apply the most appropriate models to Swartzs data, for which we should receive two reports some time in April. We have also agreed in principle to support the remaining part of the project to the sum of £20,000 in total, (i.e. £12,500 outstanding).

6) A second proposal, entitled "Can veriations in lung cancer mortality rates in Western Europe be explained by cigarette consumption?", dated 3.2.94 . Which

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is linked to the above project (and also a previous proposal addressed to a larger group of tobacco companies using the ROELEE database and presented at Victoria in October 1993). This asks for £25,000 to cover the costs of extending the mortality trends analysis to data on several countries other than the U.S. and particularly to concentrate on the countries submitting data or the IARC ETS study. (This to some extent is referred to in (5) above, but is not included in the £20,000 for the mortality project.)

IARC related proposals:

Following discussions with Mitch and myself in January, and later with C&B and several other consultants in February, Peter has drawn up a list of proposals for work which could be helpful in clarifying interpretation of the IARC ETS study. Outstanding proposals include:

7) Peters thoughts on the areas worthy of follow-up, "IARC Multicentre Study on ETS and lung cancer. Some ideas of work that might be useful" dated 3.2.94.

8) A paper from Peter on diet, with (hopefully) a self-explanatory cover letter (dated 23 February 1994). This was entitled "Diet as a potential major confounder of the relationship between ETS exposure and lung cancer risk in non-smokers". Francis Roe was asked, by Peter, to condense it into an editorial.

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